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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Hung v. Duong

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

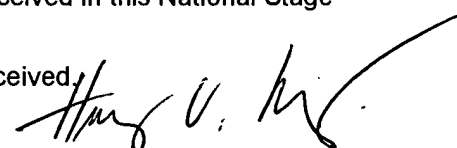
Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



HUNG VAN DUONG
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 3-4 recites the limitation "the display panel" in claim 3, line 15-16; and in claim 4, lines 21-22. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishii (US Pat. 5,309,249).

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Regarding claims 1-4, 6-7 Ishii discloses an information processing apparatus comprising: a display case 103 provided on a main body 1 of the information processing apparatus; a driving mechanism 70 which opens or closes the display case 103 on the main body 1; and means 34 for remotely controlling the driving mechanism 70 wherein the driving mechanism 70 starts one of open operation and close operation according to start, stop or termination of a system wherein the driving mechanism 70 opens the display panel 32, when a predetermined device of the information processing apparatus starts predetermined operation by operation of the means 34 for remotely controlling the driving wherein the driving mechanism 70 opens the display panel 32 synchronous with a startup timing of a program in accordance with operation of the means 34 for remotely controlling the driving mechanism; means 74 for controlling display of a display device 32 provided in the display case 103 associated with operation of the driving mechanism wherein the driving mechanism 70 opens and closes the display device 32 with a speed set by an instruction from a user.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claims 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishii (US Pat. 5,309,249) in view of Ohmi et al (US Pat. 5,956,194).

Regarding claim 5, Ishii discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention except for the means for remotely controlling the driving controls the driving mechanism via one of a wireless LAN, BlueTooth, an infrared-ray communication, and a telephone line. However Ohmi et al disclose the driving controls the driving mechanism via one of a wireless LAN, BlueTooth, an infrared-ray communication (see Ohmi et al's column 23, lines 30-45). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to utilize the driving controls the driving mechanism via one of a wireless LAN, BlueTooth, an infrared-ray communication of Ohmi et al into Ishii's driving control to be convenient in new technology.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ohashi et al (US Pat. 6,809,927) teach liquid circulation cooling system for electronic apparatus.

Inagaki et al (US Pat. 6,504,529) teach information processor input device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung v Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-2041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00PM.

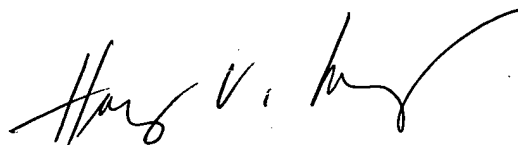
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Field can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hung V. Duong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hung Duong
Primary Examiner.